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MEMORANDUM FOR:



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SUBJECT : Terms of Reference for NIE-45

1. Enclosed, for your comment, are draft terms of reference for the subject estimate. This is a project of long standing, which has now been somewhat revised in order to comprise a logical sequel to the completed big estimate on Soviet intentions, NIE-64 (Part II), which was approved by the IAC yesterday and will be published late this week or early next.

2. This estimate would have a close relationship to NSC 135/3, particularly to the fear there expressed that the cold war might be lost without a shot being fired. For that reason, particularly, I would be most grateful for your comments concerning (1) the importance and urgency of such an estimate; (2) its scope. The terms of reference will be discussed by IAC representatives on Friday, 5 December, and deadlines will be established at that time. If you preferred to make your comments orally, I would be glad to talk to you in person or by phone.

3. In the normal course of events, if the estimate were given an urgent priority, it could be produced by approximately 1 February, possibly later because of its very broad scope.

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